Authorities were immediately contacted and the Bomb Disposal Squad of the Army was summoned. The bomb was defused and the explosive material was seized by the State Police Authorities. The entire building was thoroughly searched for any other suspicious material. The State Police Authorities have been requested to increase police patrol in the area.

(c) No, Sir.

Ore exploration by Private Companies

1042. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to allow private companies to go into ore explloration; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) Subject to the provisions of Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957 and the rules framed thereunder any holder of a prospecting license or Mining Lease whether in private or public sector can undertake exploration for minerals included in the prospecting license or Mining lease in the area held under the license/lease.

Treating non-practicing allowance as a part of pay for allotment of accommodation

1043. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether non-practicing allowance (NPA) is to be treated as part of the basic pay for all service matters as per F.R. 9 including eligibility of Government accommodation from the general pool as was done prior to 1st January, 1986 and that the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare had issued a circular No. 27023|1|87|CHSV dated 27th January, 1988 to this effect;

(b) whether Government are aware that the Directorate of Estates is not considering NPA as pay for allotment of general pool accommodation; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The question of inclusion of Non-Practicing Allowance given to doctors for the purposes of determination of eligibility for general pool residential accommodation is under consideration of the Government.

Separate Agency to deal with Provident *Fund Defaulters*

1044. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up a separate agency to deal with Provident Fund defaulters in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard: and

(c) what are the persons who would be associated with this agency?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) Yes, Sir The EPF and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 has been recently amended to provide for setting up a separate machinery of the EPF Organisation for recovery of provident fund dues.

(b) The details are yet to be finalised.

(c) Does not arise.

Telecast of TV Programmes for Children

1045. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the recent survey conducted by the National Centre for Media Studies more